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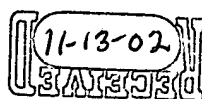
In re Application of

Schrott et al.

Serial No.: 09/306,510

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For: INTELLIGENT ANTITHEFT METHOD AND SYSTEM COMBINING MAGNETIC TAGS AND SMART CARDS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Group Art Unit: 2635

Examiner: Vernal Brown

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11/15/02AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for preventing theft of an object, comprising:
 - an electronic article surveillance (EAS) device operatively attached to an object;
 - a security path for detection of said EAS device;
 - a reader operatively coupled to said security path;
 - a smart card for being read by said reader, said smart card containing an identification profile of an authorized user of said object; and
 - a computer attached to said reader, said computer disabling a security gate if a person

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Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,510
Our Ref: YOR.072

Dear Examiner Brown:

Enclosed is an Amendment, responsive to the September 11, 2002, Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


Sean M. McGinn

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Enclosure

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